

House Resolution 348

By: Representatives McKillip of the 115th and Heard of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr., M.D.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr., M.D., is considered by many as the father of emergency
3 medical services in the State of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Burrell has been involved with the development, organization, oversight,
5 and conduct of emergency medical services since shortly after beginning his practice in
6 Athens in the early 1970's and well past his retirement in 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, he worked closely with the State Office of Emergency Medical Services, local
8 ambulance service providers, and Athens Regional Medical Center to develop the first
9 cardiac technician/paramedic course conducted in Northeast Georgia for emergency medical
10 services; and

11 WHEREAS, since no textbook existed for the curriculum to be used in the course, Dr.
12 Burrell chose to use the textbook, *Critical Care*, written by he and his wife, Dr. Lennette
13 Burrell; and

14 WHEREAS, State Public Health Director Dr. Patrick J. Meehan appointed Dr. Burrell to
15 serve on the first organized Georgia Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors
16 Advisory Council as a subject matter expert on the history and evolution of emergency
17 medical services; and

18 WHEREAS, the Northeast Georgia Region 10 Emergency Medical Services Council, a group
19 with which Dr. Burrell has served on or been affiliated with since its creation in 1977, chose
20 to honor him by naming one of the most prestigious state-wide EMS awards the "Dr. Zeb L.
21 Burrell, Jr. Distinguished Service Award of Excellence"; and

22 WHEREAS, in an interview a few years ago, Dr. Burrell cited his most satisfying
23 professional activity was "participating for 30 years in the development of Emergency
24 Medical Services in Georgia, now one of the best in the nation"; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Burrell has faithfully given of his time and himself in assisting with the
26 development, progress, and continuation of this essential public service for over four
27 decades.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr., on his dedicated service to
30 emergency medical services and recognize him as the father of Georgia's emergency medical
31 services.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dr. Zeb L. Burrell, Jr.;
34 Director of the DHR Office of Preparedness, Dr. J. Patrick O'Neal; Chairman of the Georgia
35 Association of Emergency Medical Services and the Georgia Emergency Medical Services
36 Advisory Council, Courtney Terwilliger; and Chair of the Georgia Emergency Medical
37 Services Medical Directors Advisory Council, Dr. Jill Mabley.